(b) Against the total release of Rs. 537.19 crores, the borrowing agencies of Maharashtra are reported to have repaid an amount of Rs. 255.11 crores to HUDCO as on 31-7-1993.

(c) As on 31.7.1993, 15 housing and urban development projects seeking HUDCO loan of Rs. 129,26 crores received from various agencies in Maharashtra are with HUDCO for process. The schemes are sanctioned by HUDCO subject to compliance of requirements as per the guidelines and availability of funds.

D.D.A. land under mafia occupation

*449. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 1200 acres of D.D.A. land is under unauthorised occupation by builders mafia, slum dwellers, religious institutions;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps are being taken to reclaim these encroached lands; and

(c) whether Government are considering any plan to prevent such encroachment in the initial stage itself so that the difficulty in reclaiming the land is avoided ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL):

(a) Delhi Development Authority has reported that about 1213 acres of Nazul II/Ministry of Rehabilitation land under D.D.A. management are under encroachment.

(b) Details of the encriachment are as under:—

Jhuggies	459	acres
Under Litigation	278	acres
Religious nature	84	acres
Others	392	acres
TOTAL :	1213	acre

During the last three years, the following encroachments were removed by the DDA :—

Year	No. of unauthorised constructions removed	land reclaimed
1990-91	6304	286 acres
1991-92	4763	261 acres
1992-93	4058	284 acres
1993-94 (April to July, 1993)	1874	164 acres

Apart from removal of encroachments, DDA is concentrating on:—

(i) Fencing of vulnerable land;

(ii) Fighting Court cases to get stay orders vacated;

(iii) Intensified watch and ward.

(c) As reported by DDA, there is already a regular machinery to deal with the problem of encroachment and the emphasis is on preventing encroacrment and in removing all encroachments in the initial stage itself.

Introduction of new courses by IGNOU

*450. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indira Gandhi National Open University has decided to introduce nine new courses from the next semester;